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To Whom it may concern:

Delta Elementary Charter School is not simply a school, DECS is an education in the truest sense of the word. Since 2005, members of the Clarksburg community have worked tirelessly to ensure that students experience an educational environment that builds on student strengths through enrichment activities, independent research, creative thinking, music, art, environmental and agricultural sciences, and technology.

We are a unique school serving the communities of Clarksburg and West Sacramento. Our innovative programs continue to attract many families from outside of the immediate Clarksburg area. Approximately forty percent of our student population is Latino and we are positioning ourselves, through exemplary teaching and innovative programs, to be a model school for teaching 21st century skills and closing the achievement gap.

With the support of an incredible teaching staff and visionary board of directors, our goals were accelerated significantly during the 2010-2011 school year. We have added a comprehensive music and band program, reached out to local farmers and UC Davis to strengthen our science and humanities curriculum, and have established the beginning of a comprehensive literacy intervention program to facilitate grade level proficiency.

As you know, today's schools face many challenges. Despite the drastic reductions in educational funding we remain focused and will continue to be responsive to the diverse academic needs of students in our classrooms. To meet and exceed those needs, we are constructing a Learning Center that includes research-based methods for literacy intervention and will challenge all students to work diligently above and beyond the curriculum.

Additionally, our recent work with local farmers and UC Davis has been extremely rewarding for our entire community. Students, teachers, and staff have visited local farms to learn about the importance of agriculture and environmental science and are working this summer to integrate these concepts into their lessons for the upcoming school year. Our new local partnership has resulted in the Delta Elementary Charter School Learning Garden.

We are excited to be a part of the Delta Region and I look forward to hearing from you with any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Lewis
Executive Director
Delta Elementary Charter School